

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 28 as follows:

The present invention provides a rigid pipe that can be formed of desired length. The pipe is comprised of two chains of semi-cylindrical pipe sections joined by hinges, that are sequentially locked together to form the rigid pipe. Because the two separate chains of pipe sections are ~~flexible~~ articulated prior to being assembled, the chains may be stored on spools in a housing prior to assembly, thus achieving considerable economy of space, among other advantages that will be apparent to one skilled in the art.